MEFIRS 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

Foreword

The Office of State Fire Marshal provides the following report. This report is a direct result of the incident data provided by departments that reported to the Maine Fire Information Reporting System. The data imported to the Fire Marshal's Office has been validated using the NFIRS 5.0 Data Entry / Validation Tool, Version 5.4.1 for completeness and accuracy. During the import of local fire department data into the State's MEFIRS data server, any corrective action needed by fire departments is returned for additional attention. As a result of these quality assurance activities, the data maintained and reported is an accurate summary of the incident event as it happened and recorded within the National Fire Incident Reporting System at the United States Fire Administration.

Upon completion of the data validation process, the Office of State Fire Marshal exports the cumulative State MEFIRS data to the U.S. Fire Administration. Following the export of the State of Maine MEFIRS data to the U.S. Fire Administration, it is released for fire service and public access.

The MEFIRS 2006 Annual Report has been generated using the Web-based Reporting Tool of the National Fire Incident Reporting System. The NFIRS 5.0 Web-based reports utilize Actuate information delivery technology in providing summary and statistical information from fire department and incident data saved to the National Database. Report executables are predefined according to NFIRS 5.0 reporting requirements established by the U.S. Fire Administration. Two types of reports have been included in this report. Management reports, which provide summary information as specified by the report query, and reports with user-specified parameters have been populated with data provided by the Fire Departments of the State of Maine for the development of this report.